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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 9, 2007

To recognize and honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as one of the most revered and respected Americans of our time.

WHEREAS, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is celebrated annually on January 15th to commemorate his life and legacy, including his contributions to peace, justice, and equality for all citizens;

WHEREAS, the United States of America recognizes the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with a National Holiday named in his honor;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led a successful boycott of the Montgomery, Alabama transit system that resulted in the desegregation of that system and brought national and international attention to the problems of segregation and racial discrimination in 1955;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., organized the Southern Christian Leadership Conference that became the central base of operations for the civil rights movement during the late 1950's and 1960's;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led more than 200,000 people in a mass demonstration in Washington, D.C., to demand equal justice for all citizens in the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial, on August 28, 1963;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., became the youngest recipient of the coveted Nobel Peace Prize, in December of 1964;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led the way of passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act through his selfless commitment to inspiring human rights for all people;

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WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through his dedication to full civil rights for all Americans, was a major force in the passage of the Voting Rights Act, which guarantees that the electoral process is a meaningful exercise in democracy for all people; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., remains alive in the hearts and minds of all Americans and future generations throughout the world.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia proudly joins the citizens of the District of Columbia as they celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and pay tribute to the life of a man whose struggles permanently transformed the social fabric of America.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor Beatrice Watson's 27½ years of service to St. Mary's Court and to declare January 21, 2007, as "Beatrice Watson Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, St. Mary's Court, first envisioned by St Mary's Episcopal Church, was opened in 1979 in Foggy Bottom as an apartment building designed for seniors and disabled persons on limited incomes;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors hired Beatrice Watson in 1979 as the Housing Operations Director to carry out the mission of St. Mary's Court to provide safe and affordable housing for seniors and disabled persons;

WHEREAS, Beatrice Watson later become Executive Director of St. Mary's Court and served there a total of almost 28 years, enabling St. Mary's Court to win the Best Practice Award from the Administration on Aging and establishing it as an integral part of the surrounding community and of the city; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice Watson retired from St. Mary's Court on December 31, 2006.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Beatrice Watson Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Beatrice Watson's 27½ years of service to St. Mary's Court and to Washington, D.C., and declares January 21, 2007, as "Beatrice Watson Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 9, 2007

To declare January 2007 as "Cervical Health Awareness Month" in the District of Columbia to increase awareness of cervical cancer and highlight issues related to cervical cancer, such as Genital Human Papillomavirus disease and the importance of early detection.

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has the highest rate of cervical cancer in the United States;

WHEREAS, ninety-two percent of invasive cervical cancer cases are diagnosed among minority women;

WHEREAS, the Latino community in the District of Columbia continues to grow and cervical cancer is the fourth leading cause of death among Latinas in the United States;

WHEREAS, African-American women in the District of Columbia have higher than the United States average death rates from cervical cancer;

WHEREAS, Genital Human Papillomavirus ("HPV") is of public health concern because persistent infection with certain high-risk types can cause cervical cancer in women;

WHEREAS, receiving a safe and effective HPV vaccine may help to prevent genital HPV infection, as well as the HPV-associated diseases of genital warts and cervical cancer;

WHEREAS, despite public awareness campaigns emphasizing the need for yearly Pap tests, many older women forgo testing unless they have gynecologic problems;

WHEREAS, the main reason women are diagnosed after their cervical cancer has spread and the main reason they die is that they have not received a Pap smear;

WHEREAS, Forty-five to 65% of new cases of cervical cancer occur in women who have never been screened or whose last test was 3 or more years before their diagnosis;

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WHEREAS, using a Pap test in conjunction with HPV screening every 2 years is a cost-effective way for women to be tested for cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer is nearly 100% preventable, yet according to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 13,000 new cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed in 2002 and about 4,100 women will die of the disease.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Cervical Health Awareness Month Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares January 2007 as "Cervical Health Awareness Month" in the District of Columbia and urges women to regularly get Pap tests and HPV screenings.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 9, 2007

To recognize the contributions of the community-based organization Reaching Out to Other Together ("ROOT"), Inc., to support ROOT's "Guns Aside Campaign" to educate youth and residents of the District of Columbia on the negative impact of gun violence in the District of Columbia, and to declare January 2007 as "Guns Aside Month" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, ROOT, founded in June 2002, is a nonprofit organization in the District of Columbia, committed to advocacy, education, intervention on behalf of individuals and families who have been victimized by homicides, and motivating and mobilizing communities to take a proactive approach to reducing homicides and senseless gun violence;

WHEREAS, for many years, residents of the District of Columbia have witnessed an increase in gun-related incidents and deaths in our communities and schools;

WHEREAS, since January 2002 the Metropolitan Police Department has recovered over 8,000 illegal guns in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, ROOT seeks to create a collaborative effort between the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia to reduce gun-related violence and youth violence;

WHEREAS, nationally, juveniles, ages 17 and under, are associated with more than 10% of gun crimes;

WHEREAS, nationally, youth, ages 18-24, are associated with slightly more than 47% of gun crimes;

WHEREAS, nationally, the second leading cause of death for American youth between the ages of 15-24 is death by gun violence;

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WHEREAS, America is losing too many children and youth to gun violence;

WHEREAS, nationally, one child is killed every 3 hours by gunfire;

WHEREAS, nationally, in one year, more children and youth die from gunfire than from cancer, pneumonia, influenza, asthma, and HIV/AIDS combined;

WHEREAS, daily, more than 80 Americans die from gun violence;

WHEREAS, nationally, an estimated 150,000 people are treated annually in United States hospital emergency rooms for nonfatal gun-related injuries and approximately 80,000 require admission for in-patient care, costing as much as \$4 billion annually in direct medical costs;

WHEREAS, ROOT's "Gun Aside Campaign" is an all-inclusive media campaign, heightening the consciousness and raising the awareness of severity of gun violence within our communities and schools; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and commends ROOT for the implementation of this public awareness campaign.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Guns Aside Campaign Awareness Month Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and commends ROOT for its service to victims of gun violence in the District of Columbia, and declares the month of January 2007 as "Guns Aside Month" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2007

To recognize and honor centenarian Eddye Williams, born January 1, 1900 in the state of Florida to William and Emma Davis.

WHEREAS, Eddye Williams moved to Washington, D.C. and attended Martha Washington School to study nursing;

WHEREAS, Eddye Williams got married, is the mother of one daughter, and has 19 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren, and 2 step-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Eddye Williams loves to write poetry and short stories, and, in her younger years, sewed clothing, became a nurse, and cut hair;

WHEREAS, Eddye Williams loves communicating with people, making them laugh, and giving them advice; and

WHEREAS, Eddye Williams is a member of Metropolitan AME Zion Church and served on the missionary board, taught Sunday school, and served on the nurse's ministry.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Eddye Williams Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Eddye Williams for her many years of life in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To posthumously honor and remember the life of Taleshia Andrea Ford, also known as "Tilly," and to declare January 20, 2007, as "Taleshia Andrea Ford Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Taleshia Andrea Ford was born in the District of Columbia on November 20, 1989;

WHEREAS, Taleshia Andrea Ford attended various District of Columbia public schools, including Slowe-Elementary School, Francis Junior High School, Spingarn High School, and Booker T. Washington Public Charter School, from which she was due to graduate this school year;

WHEREAS, Taleshia Andrea Ford demonstrated a special interest in dancing and cheerleading, and had a unique style for fashion;

WHEREAS, Taleshia Andrea Ford spent her youth career working with various agencies for the District of Columbia, including the Department of Housing and the Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute;

WHEREAS, Taleshia Andrea Ford accepted Christ and was baptized at the age of 12 years at Guildfield Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Taleshia Andrea Ford passed away on January 20, 2007, at the age of 17; and

WHEREAS, the family, friends, and community of Taleshia Andrea Ford gathered for a home-going service for her on January 26, 2007.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Taleshia Andrea Ford Posthumous Recognition and Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia remembers and honors the life of Taleshia Andrea Ford, and declares January 20, 2007, as "Taleshia Andrea Ford Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2007

To declare February 2007 as "Children's Dental Health Month" in the District of Columbia, to protect and care for the city's children, to create public awareness of the value of preventative oral healthcare for children, and to recognize the important role that good oral health has on the overall health of children.

WHEREAS, untreated dental problems often result in pain, infection, and low self-esteem among children, and are a leading cause of school absenteeism;

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the emotional and physical benefits of early oral hygiene education;

WHEREAS, compared to adults, children eat proportionately more food, drink more fluids, and, therefore, require better oral health to help them grow;

WHEREAS, poor oral health can often lead to the development of chronic diseases later in life; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of children in the District of Columbia whose overall health is excellent or very good is below the national average.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Children's Dental Health Month Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares February 2007 as "Children's Dental Health Month" in the District of Columbia and encourages District of Columbia residents to ensure all children receive quality oral healthcare services.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2007

To declare February 14, 2007, as "National Donor Day" in the District of Columbia to highlight need for people to become blood, organ, and tissue donors.

WHEREAS, there are nearly 95,000 people in the United States waiting to receive an organ donation, including almost 70,000 waiting for a kidney transplant and 17,000 waiting for a pancreas transplant;

WHEREAS, the wait time in the District of Columbia for a kidney is about 5 years and 18-24 months for a liver;

WHEREAS, only about 16,000 people will get a new kidney this year due to a shortage of suitable organ donors;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has the highest prevalence of kidney failure in the entire country, by far;

WHEREAS, in certain areas of the District of Columbia, including those with the zip codes of 20002, 20011, and 20019, the incidence of end-stage renal disease is 44 times the national average;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia established a website, www.donatelifedc.org, to publicize information about organ donation and to allow residents to sign up to be organ donors; and

WHEREAS, people from all walks of life, all age groups, and even people with pre-existing medical conditions may be suitable organ donors.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "National Donor Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares February 14, 2007, as "National Donor Day" in the District of Columbia and urges citizens to volunteer to be organ donors and to encourage their family and loved ones to do the same.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2007

To honor and congratulate Carmen Rodriguez Fernandez Guevara on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, Carmen Rodriguez Fernandez Guevara was born on April 1, 1907, in Cuyo, Palawan, Philippines;

WHEREAS, Carmen Rodriguez Fernandez Guevara first came to the United States for a brief period in 1938, and returned to the Philippines before World War II broke out, where her husband served as a member of the Philippine Scouts, a part of the United States Army, and was in the Bataan Death March;

WHEREAS, Carmen Rodriguez Fernandez Guevara returned to the United States in 1949, where she and her husband and family of 3 children lived in Georgia, California, Texas, and Maryland, and where her husband was stationed with the United States Army before settling in Washington, D.C. permanently after his retirement in 1953;

WHEREAS, Carmen Rodriguez Fernandez Guevara married Santiago Garcia Guevara, a West Point graduate, in 1930, and was widowed in 1996;

WHEREAS, in 1966, Carmen Rodriguez Fernandez Guevara and her husband moved into the Watergate East building, located at 2510 Virginia Avenue, N.W., in Ward 2, and she remains a Ward 2 resident;

WHEREAS, Carmen Rodriguez Fernandez Guevara was a member of St. Thomas Apostle Parish and St. Ann's Parish, both located in Washington, D.C., and, since 1966, a member of St. Stephen Martyr Parish on Pennsylvania Avenue at 25th Street, N.W., where she is a loyal and supportive parishioner and a devotee of St. Stephen's Pilipino mass and choir; and

WHEREAS, Carmen Rodriguez Fernandez Guevara served as President of the Philippine-American Women's Association chartered in the District of Columbia and raised

funds for many charitable and cultural events in the nation's capita.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Carmen Rodriguez Fernandez Guevara 100th Birthday Celebration Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors and congratulates Carmen Rodriguez Fernandez Guevara on the occasion of the celebration of her 100th birthday.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2007

To recognize the Chinese community in the District of Columbia for its generous and valued contributions to the social, cultural, and political life of the city, to honor the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association for its sponsorship of the parade to celebrate the Year of the Boar, and to declare February 18, 2007, as Chinese Lunar New Year 4705, Year of the Boar Day in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Chinese people have lived in the District of Columbia as a community since 1884, when nearly 100 immigrants settled near 3rd Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., and remained until 1935, when the settlement area moved to its current location along H Street, N.W., which is commonly known as "Chinatown";

WHEREAS, today there are more than 40 Chinese businesses and some 1,000 Chinese residents in Chinatown, which serves as the center of health care, dining, and shopping for the 40,000 Chinese residents in the Washington Metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, Chinatown is a unique cultural and social center for the District of Columbia, providing visitors with a taste of Chinese culture;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia's commitment to the Chinese community continues as the government strives to improve services for the Chinese community through the establishment of the Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, the Metropolitan Police Department's Asian Liaison Unit in Chinatown, and the new Chinatown Community Cultural Center, which we salute;

WHEREAS, thousands of District of Columbia residents will gather along H and 7th Streets, N.W., on Sunday, February 18, 2007, to enjoy the dragon-led parade and celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year;

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WHEREAS, the annual anniversary celebration and parade for the Chinese Lunar New Year, sponsored by the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, is nationally known as one of the finest celebrations of color, art, and pageantry; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese Community welcomes our neighbors, the Verizon Center, the Convention Center, Gallery Place, and many others whose partnerships promote and enhance the economic, social, and cultural opportunities for the residents of Washington, D.C., to achieve the vision and objectives set forth in the Downtown Comprehensive Plan for a living downtown.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Chinese Lunar New Year 4705, Year of the Boar Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes the Chinese community of the District of Columbia and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association for its many contributions to the social, economic, cultural, and political life of the city, honors the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association for its sponsorship of the parade to celebrate the Chinese New Year, and declares February 18, 2007, as Chinese Lunar New Year 4705, Year of the Boar Day in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2007

To honor the memory of Carolyn Boone Lewis at the dedication of the Carolyn Boone Lewis Health Care Center.

WHEREAS, Carolyn Boone Lewis was born in Rockingham, North Carolina, to Vivian E. Boone and The Reverend Dr. R. Irving Boone;

WHEREAS, Carolyn Boone Lewis graduated magna cum laude in accounting from Hampton University;

WHEREAS, Carolyn Boone Lewis rose to become Assistant Director of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission;

WHEREAS, Carolyn Boone Lewis, because of her unique investment background, served as a Governor of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange;

WHEREAS, Carolyn Boone Lewis, a woman of gentle manner but powerful in word and deed and a passionate believer of governance and its role in organizations, served 2 terms as Chairman of the Greater Southeast Community Hospital and of the parent board, Nexus Health (formerly Greater Southeast Healthcare System);

WHEREAS, Carolyn Boone Lewis, an ardent health care advocate, became the first female and the first African-American woman to chair the American Hospital Association, and also served on the boards of the D.C. Hospital Association and the National Forum of Woman Healthcare Leaders;

WHEREAS, Carolyn Boone Lewis was active in civic and regional affairs, having served as Chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, D.C. Commission on Women, and D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board;

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WHEREAS, Carolyn Boone Lewis was a resident of the Hillcrest community, where she was active in her neighborhood association and an active member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Boone Lewis was the proud mother of 2 children, Donna Lewis Johnson and Irving Lewis, and the grandmother of 2 grandchildren, Kelsea and Jordan Johnson.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Carolyn Boone Lewis Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia cherishes the memory of Carolyn Boone Lewis, salutes her outstanding leadership to Nexus Health and the health care field, and dedicates in her honor the "Carolyn Boone Lewis Health Care Center," a 183-bed nursing home facility also known as "CBL," before family, friends, and the health care community.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2007

To posthumously recognize Walter Ross, owner of Ross Upholstery Shop.

WHEREAS, Walter Ross was a merchant and owner of Ross Upholstery Shop at 506 H Street, N.E., for nearly 6 decades;

WHEREAS, Walter Ross was known for his meticulous work and took pride in his ability to transform relics of the past into jewels that many presently enjoy;

WHEREAS, Walter Ross, on numerous occasions, reminisced of the glorious days of H Street and how people would dress up and stroll along the corridor;

WHEREAS, Walter Ross envisioned the promise of H Street and urged a renaissance for it, with a mixture of retail establishments;

WHEREAS, Walter Ross was a beacon, and one of the pioneers who paved a way for many of today's leaders along the corridor to follow;

WHEREAS, Walter Ross raised 6 children in the District of Columbia, and his son, Tyrone, continues the tradition of service and quality upholstery; and

WHEREAS, Walter Ross will be missed by fellow H Street merchants, residents, and clients alike.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Walter Ross Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the dedicated service to the city of Walter Ross, which is a better place for his efforts.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2007

To recognize and honor Wardell "Sheridan" Fortune for his long life and legacy in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Wardell "Sheridan" Fortune was born in Caroline County, Virginia on February 4, 1907, and moved to the District of Columbia in 1926;

WHEREAS, Mr. Fortune was happily married to the former Elizabeth Green for over 50 years, until her death in 1987;

WHEREAS, Mr. Fortune began his employment with the Federal Government, General Services Administration, in 1938, and retired from the same government agency in 1969;

WHEREAS, Mr. Fortune was drafted by the United States Navy in 1943 and served his country until 1945; and

WHEREAS, despite his age, Mr. Fortune continues as a member of First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., persists in driving his vehicle in the daylight hours, and is consistent in maintaining his home and his yard.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Wardell "Sheridan" Fortune Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Wardell "Sheridan" Fortune for his tireless commitment to live life to the fullest by persevering.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2007

To recognize Alfred Dudley, Sr., for his business acumen, educational contributions, and leading salesmanship of Dudley Products to residents in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Alfred Dudley, Sr., in 1980, became a Dudley Product Distribution salesperson and was honored for 7 years for the top sales of its products;

WHEREAS, Alfred Dudley, Sr., won the top salesman award for selling \$30,000 of Dudley Products in a one-week period and became the first salesperson to earn over \$100,000 in one year;

WHEREAS, Alfred Dudley, Sr., in 1995, became the director of Dudley Beauty School of Washington, D.C., and its owner in 2001, with the school being located in Ward 5 for the past 15 years;

WHEREAS, Alfred Dudley, Sr., continually promotes entrepreneurship and economic opportunities for the 600 graduates of Dudley Beauty School of Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Dudley, Sr., recently provided free salon services to Hurricane Katrina victims during their stay at the DC National Armory as a goodwill effort on behalf of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Alfred Dudley, Sr., Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Alfred Dudley, Sr., for business, educational, and entrepreneurial opportunities contributed to the residents of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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February 6, 2007

To declare February 1, 2007 as John Hope Franklin Day at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library.

WHEREAS, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History ("ASALH") established a national theme for the month-long Black History Month Celebration during February 2007, to honor Dr. John Hope Franklin;

WHEREAS, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History dedicates its 2007 national theme to the struggles of peoples of African descent to achieve freedom and equality in the Americas during the age of emancipation;

WHEREAS, the transition from slavery to freedom represents one of the major themes in the history of the African Diaspora in the Americas;

WHEREAS, over a half century ago, the celebrated historian Dr. John Hope Franklin – a leading light of ASALH – identified the struggle for slavery and freedom as the central theme of African-American History;

WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin is the author of many books, journals, and articles, and is best known for his book, From Slavery To Freedom: A History of African-Americans;

WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin, a graduate of an African-American college, Fisk University, rose to become a noted academician at some of the nation's most prestigious universities;

WHEREAS, today's ceremony and activities throughout the month celebrate the legacy of Dr. John Hope Franklin upon which the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library continues to build; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library takes up this theme to honor Dr. John Hope Franklin and to place him before the nation and the world in the historical importance of slavery and freedom in the making of modern societies in the Americas.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "John Hope Franklin Day at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library Declaration Resolution of 2007".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby celebrates John Hope Franklin Day at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library and declares February 1, 2007 as "John Hope Franklin Day" in the District of Columbia.

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To recognize the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of our nation's aircraft, and to declare May 24, 2007, as "Aviation Maintenance Technician Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, in 1902, Charles Edward Taylor began working as a machinist for Orville and Wilbur Wright at the Wright Cycle Company in Dayton, Ohio;

WHEREAS, within 6 weeks, Charles Edward Taylor, using only a lathe and drill press, built the first engine used to power the Wright Flyer;

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor's ingenuity earned him a place in aviation history when the Wright brothers successfully flew their airplane on December 17, 1903;

WHEREAS, after this historic event, Charles Edward Taylor continued to design engines for the Wright brothers and later taught them to build aircraft engines;

WHEREAS, in 1908, Charles Edward Taylor accompanied Orville Wright to Fort Myer, Virginia for test flights by the United States government and, in 1909, accompanied Wilbur Wright to New York for the Hudson-Fulton flights;

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor served as lead mechanic for Calbraith ("Cal") Rodgers, who made his first transcontinental flight in 1911;

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor had a successful career in aviation maintenance for more than 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Taylor was honored by the Federal Aviation Administration with the establishment of the Charles Edward Taylor Master Mechanic Award, which recognizes persons with 50 years or more of aviation maintenance experience.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Aviation Maintenance Technician Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of our nation's aircraft, and designates May 24, 2007, as "Aviation Maintenance Technician Day" in the District of Columbia in honor of Charles Edward Taylor.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2007

To recognize and honor District of Columbia native Matthew N. Mezzanotte on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

WHEREAS, Matthew N. Mezzanotte was born in Washington, D.C., on February 11, 1922;

WHEREAS, Matthew N. Mezzanotte began his training in construction and real estate development while working summer jobs for his father, a Washington architect and homebuilder;

WHEREAS, Matthew N. Mezzanotte's attention to construction and real estate development was temporarily deflected when, as a young violinist, he won the Peabody Scholarship at the Peabody Institute of Music in Baltimore, Maryland;

WHEREAS, Matthew N. Mezzanotte ultimately pursued his education at Staunton Military Academy, the University of Maryland, and Columbia University;

WHEREAS, Matthew N. Mezzanotte, after serving in the U.S. Naval Air Corps, returned home to Washington, D.C., and soon became fully engaged in the construction business;

WHEREAS, Matthew N. Mezzanotte's companies, which he either owned or jointly owned, developed more than 800 buildings in the District of Columbia and 1,300 homes in Maryland;

WHEREAS, the companies of Matthew N. Mezzanotte also built schools, churches, and hospitals, as well as residential developments in Florida, Maryland, Virginia, and Colorado;

WHEREAS, Matthew N. Mezzanotte's serious interest in the development and ownership of hotels began in 1985 with the major conversion of an apartment building into the present Carlyle Suites Hotel, followed by the acquisition in 1988 of the Savoy Suites hotel;

WHEREAS, Matthew N. Mezzanotte is a longtime member of the University Club of Washington, the Republican Club of Capitol Hill (the Capitol Hill Club), the Washington Association of Realtors, the District of Columbia Building Industry Association Foundation, the National Italian American Foundation, the District of Columbia Historical Society, and the Folger Shakespeare Library;

WHEREAS, Matthew N. Mezzanotte lives in the District of Columbia in a historic home built by the first son of President Ulysses S. Grant; and

WHEREAS, Matthew N. Mezzanotte will celebrate his upcoming 85th birthday at a surprise party on Sunday, February 11, 2007, at the Savoy Suites Hotel.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Matthew N. Mezzanotte Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the achievements of Matthew N. Mezzanotte on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2007

To recognize and honor Timothy Ring for his exemplary act of bravery and service to the District of Columbia in interrupting a robbery in progress and assisting in the capture of the suspects on the morning of December 18th, 2006.

WHEREAS, Timothy Ring is a citizen of the District of Columbia residing in American University Park;

WHEREAS, on the morning of December 18th, 2006, Timothy Ring discovered and interrupted an assault and robbery near the intersection of 45th Street and Windom Place, N.W.;

WHEREAS, upon determining that the victim was safe, and witnessing 2 men fleeing the scene of the assault and robbery, Timothy Ring pursued the men with no thought to his own safety;

WHEREAS, Timothy Ring intercepted and confronted the first suspect and determined his identity before the suspect escaped;

WHEREAS, Timothy Ring further pursued, intercepted, and confronted the second suspect and alerted the Metropolitan Police Department of the suspect's actions and location; and

WHEREAS, the weapon used in the assault was recovered, the first suspect was identified, and the second suspect was both identified and apprehended by the Metropolitan Police Department as a result of these actions of Timothy Ring.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Timothy Ring Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Timothy Ring for his exemplary bravery and service to the city of Washington, D.C.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.